

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (previously presented) A method for drilling and lining a subsea well, comprising in sequence:

- drilling a first bore hole section at a subsea bore site, riserlessly;
- pre-positioning at the subsea bore site at least one liner with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of a drilling riser not yet installed;
- installing the drilling riser so as to connect a drilling rig to said bore site;
- drilling a subsequent bore hole section after the drilling riser has been installed, the subsequent bore hole section having a larger diameter than the at least one liner; and
- installing the at least one liner into the bore hole section.

Claim 2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, said pre-positioning said at least one liner at said subsea bore site comprising pre-positioning the least one liner below a well head.

Claim 3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

- lowering an expandable drill bit through the least one liner and expanding the expandable drill bit below the least one liner.

Claim 4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

- pre-positioning at least one drill bit with a larger diameter than the external diameter of the least one liner below the least one liner.

Claim 5. (previously presented) A drilling and liner system for drilling a subsea well, comprising :

- a subsea well bore site;
- a subsea well head;
- a subsea surface casing;

a drill string;  
an expandable drill bit;  
a drilling riser; and

at least one liner with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of the drilling riser; the liner being pre-positioned below a substantial part of the drilling riser at the bore site; the expandable drill bit being adapted for insertion through the at least one liner, expansion below the at least one liner, and drilling of a bore hole section of a diameter sufficient to receive the at least one liner.

Claim 6. (previously presented) A drilling and liner system for drilling a subsea well, comprising a subsea well bore site, a subsea well head, a surface casing, a drill string, a drill bit, a drilling riser, and at least one liner with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of the drilling riser being pre-positioned below a substantial part of the drilling riser at the bore site; the drill bit having a diameter larger than the at least one liner and being pre-positioned below the at least one liner, and the drill bit being adapted for drilling of a bore hole section of a diameter sufficient to receive the at least one liner.

Claim 7. (previously presented) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, said at least one liner comprising at least two liners, wherein a first liner with a larger diameter is receiving a second liner with a smaller diameter in its interior.

Claim 8. (previously presented) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, comprising a temporary sealing between the at least one liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner.

Claim 9. (previously presented) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, wherein said at least one liner comprises an expandable liner and an expanding cone, said cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the internal diameter of the expandable liner when expanded.

Claim 10. (previously presented) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, having an expanding cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the internal diameter of an expandable liner hanger when expanded, and an internal diameter which is equal to or larger than the external diameter of any parts that have to pass through to the sections of the well below the cone.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:  
lowering an expandable drill bit through the least one liner and expanding the expandable drill bit below the least one liner.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:  
pre-installing at least one drill bit with a larger diameter than the external diameter of the least one liner below the least one liner.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The system according to claim 7, having temporary sealing between said first liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner and between said first liner and said second liner.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The system according to claim 6, said at least one liner comprising a first liner with a larger diameter receiving a second liner with a smaller diameter in its interior.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The system according to claim 14, having temporary sealing between said first liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner and between said first liner and said second liner.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The system according to claim 6, comprising a temporary sealing between the at least one liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The system according to claim 6, said at least one liner comprising an expandable liner and an expanding cone, said cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the internal diameter of the expandable liner when expanded.

Claim 18. (previously presented) The system according to claim 6, having an expanding cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the internal diameter of an expandable liner hanger when expanded, and an internal diameter which is equal to or larger than the external diameter of any parts that have to pass through to the sections of the well below the cone.

Claim 19. (previously presented) The drilling and liner system of claim 5, said liner being pre-positioned within the surface casing.

Claim 20. (previously presented) The drilling and liner system of claim 6, said liner being pre-positioned within the surface casing.